

To All,

I have enclosed a few more reports on stolen Badge/Credentials and handguns with ammunition. As you can see this is an ongoing problem in many ways. I have also enclosed a new type of incident that has been recurring in these reports, and that's stolen/lost government license plates. I have also added several reports concerning foreign nationals attempting to enter the US illegally and a report on sized forged passports. Put all these stories together and you have a possible terrorist situation.

One area that hasn't been discussed too often is the concern about stolen government license plates. Government license plates are one of the property items, in today's security environment that should be accounted for on a continuous basis. One of our concerns while conducting a physical security assessment is the disposition of government license plates either on the vehicle or removed from the vehicle that has been identified for disposal. We found the assessed sites had many different ideas on how to handle government license plates. Remember to use security screws when mounting your license plates. This will prevent easy removal of the plate.

See paragraph 8 for some facts and regulatory guidance concerning USDA/Government license plates.

REPORTED INCIDENTS

1. From FDLE OSI Daily Brief 30 MAR 04 - Orlando Regional Domestic Security Task Force

Stolen Badge and Gun - An Orange County deputy's gun and badge were stolen yesterday morning while he was at a restaurant in Clermont. Corporal Stu Zeller reported his 45-caliber Glock 21 and badge were taken from his glove compartment. Anyone with information is requested to call the Orange County Sheriff's Office or the Clermont Police Department.

2. Miami Regional Domestic Security Task Force from Pembroke Pines PD (954) 431 2200

Approx 200 rounds of 40 cal ammo, a protective vest, 2 Homeland Security uniforms, raincoat and duty belt (not including equipment) was stolen from a 2003 black Toyota Camry bearing tag XXXXXX belonging to Officer Kenneth Michael Barley.

3. Lost/Stolen (Official ID or Uniform): The THEFT of official identification and/or uniforms, which could be used by terrorists to gain access to facilities, remains a concern nationwide. The US military and law enforcement have reported numerous thefts of identity documents and uniforms since Sept 11th. At this time there have been no reported attempts by known terrorist to use stolen law enforcement or military identification to gain access to secured facilities. There were four reported incidents during this period.

- HCSO # 0402180865 - On 03/17/04 Houston Police Officer M.J. Scott reported his Houston Police ID Card (#78894) STOLEN from his vehicle.
- ORI # 045294404C - On 03/24/04 WOODEN, BOBBY TYDARELL B/M, DOB 09/05/67 (NOI) reported the following items STOLEN from his vehicle: SAFARILAND BODY ARMOR and City of Houston ID Card.
- ORI # 045512504Z - On 03/24/04 Houston Police Officer M. Skinner reported the following STOLEN from his vehicle: Peerless Stainless Steel Handcuffs (4 pair), Black MAG Flashlights (2 each), 100 rounds of Winchester Silvertip Ammo (NOI), Black HPD Raid jacket, Yellow HPD rain jacket, and a Black HPD equipment bag.
- ORI # 046626004G - On 03/26/04 Houston Police Officer D. Illingworth reported his DUTY REVOLVER (S&W .357 caliber SN: 74k4434), Sam Browne rig and ASP were STOLEN from his residence.

4. Crime/Incident: Missing or Stolen License Plate

Date/Time of Incident: 30 March 2004 @ Unknown

Building Name: Fort Knox

Address: Building 2754

City/State: South of Louisville, KY.

Summary: GSA Fleet Management advised that they received a report today from the US Army Motor Pool that a government front plate #G43 06803 is either missing or stolen. Fleet Management believes that this may have occurred today. The point of contact at the army base is Harry Kerrell at 502-624-1836. The plate came off of a 2000 Chevrolet 2500 series 12-passenger van. Also the military police have taken a report on it.

5. CANADA: CBP Inspectors Deny Boarding to NSEERS Violator. According to CBP reporting, on 30 March, at the Calgary Preclearance facility, CBP inspectors denied boarding to Jordanian National XXXXXX XXXXXX, a Landed Canadian Immigrant. CBP inspectors stopped XXXXXX as he attempted to board an American Airlines flight from Calgary to Chicago. During an interview and document review, CBP inspectors determined that XXXXXX, who last entered the U.S. on 13 February, had failed to register his departure from the U.S. as required by the National Security Entry-Exit Registration (NSEERS) program. CBP inspectors determined XXXXXX to be inadmissible into the U.S., denied his boarding, and revoked his visa. (CBP Morning Report, 31 Mar 04)

6. NORTH DAKOTA: Border Patrol Agents Arrest Afghani National. According to CBP reporting, on 29 March, in Grand Forks, Border Patrol agents arrested Afghani national XXXXXX XXXXXX, a naturalized Canadian citizen, who entered the U.S. by willful misrepresentation of a material fact. On 28 March, XXXXXX had requested and was granted admission into the U.S. to go shopping for the day. XXXXXX was on an eastbound AMTRACK train en route to Chicago, with an intended destination of Tennessee. CBP officers processed XXXXXX for removal proceedings. (CBP Morning Report, 31 Mar 04)

7. Diplomatic Package Contained Forged Passports

On March 30, CBP Officers at the Miami DHL facility opened a package in-transit from Jamaica to Chile. The package contained 4 fraudulent Chilean passports. It appeared that the biographical information had been washed and one passport had been photo-substituted. The passports had been sent from the Chilean Embassy in Jamaica to the Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de Chile. Further inspection revealed an additional package inside marked "Diplomatic[.]" CBP questioned DHL about why the outer package lacked a Diplomatic marking. Afterward, the Chancellor of the Chilean Consulate, Miami, called CBP to request that the package be released. CBP notified ICE and released the package, including the passports.

8. Facts and Requirements for USDA/Government license plates.

FACTS:

USDA has the fourth largest motor vehicle fleet (only US Postal Service, GSA and DoD are larger). USDA owns and operates approximately 34,000 vehicles (nationwide and in approximately 50 foreign locations). This fleet is supplemented with more than 6,000 GSA leased vehicles. Trucks account for more than 90% of the fleet.

REQUIREMENTS FROM the Agricultural Property Management Regulation & the Federal Management Regulation:

102-34.150 What do we do about a lost or stolen license plate? You should report the loss or theft of license plates as follows: (a) U.S. Government license plates. Tell your local security office (or equivalent) and local police. (b) District of Columbia or State license plates. Tell your local security office (or equivalent) and either the District of Columbia, Department of Transportation, or the State agency, as appropriate.

110-34.150 Lost or stolen tags. The tag number of all U.S. Government tags, lost or stolen, shall be reported to the responsible agency official maintaining current records of all tags, the issuing authority and to local, state, and federal police. The Property Officer should report the tag number as lost or stolen to PMD.

102-34.155 What records do we need to keep on U.S. Government license plates? You must keep a central record of all U.S. Government license plates for your agency's motor vehicle purchases and motor vehicle leases. The GSA Fleet must keep such a record for GSA Fleet vehicles. The record must identify:

- (a) The motor vehicle to which each set of plates is assigned.
- (b) The complete history of any reassigned plates.
- (c) A list of destroyed or voided license plate numbers.

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- (b) You must display U.S. Government license plates on the motor vehicle to which the license plates were assigned.
- (c) Display the U.S. Government license plates until the motor vehicle is removed from Government service or is transferred, or until the plates are damaged and require replacement.
- (d) For motor vehicles owned or leased by DOD, follow DOD regulations.

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Tags from motor vehicles transferred or disposed of and tags rendered unserviceable shall be reported to the responsible agency official. These U.S. Government tags must be destroyed, and all records appropriately annotated. Agencies are responsible for updating PMIS.

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102-34.165 How can we get a new license plate code designation?

To get a new license plate code designation, write to the:

General Services Administration,

ATTN: MTV,
Washington, DC 20405.

102-34.170 Are there special licensing procedures for motor vehicles operating in the District of Columbia (DC)?

Yes. DC Code, section 40-102(d)(2), requires the issuance of license plates, without charge, for all motor vehicles owned or leased by the Government at the time the motor vehicle is registered or reregistered.

(a) You must register motor vehicles that are regularly based or operated in DC with the DC Department of Transportation. Your application to register must include a manufacturer's Certificate of Origin, bill of sale, or other document attesting Government ownership. Forms for registering motor vehicles are available from the District of Columbia, Department of Transportation.

(b) Motor vehicles owned or leased by the Government and licensed in the District of Columbia may have the letter code designation prescribed in section 102-34.160 stenciled in the blank space beside the embossed numbers. If you add a letter code designation, stencil it on the license plate so that the letters resemble the embossed numbers in size and color. License plates issued by the District of Columbia without an agency letter code designation will usually have the letter code designation "US".

(c) Transfer of U.S. Government license plates issued by the District of Columbia between your agency's own motor vehicles requires prior approval from the District of Columbia, Department of Transportation.

(d) You must have each registered motor vehicle inspected annually according to section 40-204 of the District of Columbia Code and applicable regulations. The District of Columbia issues an inspection verification sticker for each motor vehicle that passes inspection. Inspections and stickers are free.

(e) Return damaged or mutilated license plates to the District of Columbia, Department of Transportation, for cancellation. Also return license plates when you transfer a motor vehicle regularly based or operated in the District of Columbia to operation in a field area, another agency, or remove the motor vehicle from Government service.

110-34.170 In the District of Columbia.

Section 40-102(b)(2) of the District of Columbia Code has been eliminated. USDA agencies owning or leasing motor vehicles for 60 continuous days or more in the District of Columbia must now use USDA license tags beginning with the letter "A".

Identification Exemptions

102-34.175 What types of exemptions are there?

Limited exemption

Unlimited exemption

Special exemption

102-34.180 May we have a limited exemption from displaying U.S. Government license plates and other motor vehicle identification?

Yes. The head of your agency or designee may authorize a limited exemption to the display of U.S. Government license plates and motor vehicle identification upon written certification. (See section 102-34.185.) For motor vehicles leased from the GSA Fleet, send an information copy of this certification to the:

General Services Administration,
ATTN: FFF,
Washington, DC 20406.